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SECTION C

SIGNAL-SAMPSON GAME HERE SUNDAY MAY DECIDE TRIPLE-A WINTER LEAGUE CHAMPION

Following their victory over Clayton manufacturing here last Sunday, the Torrance Signal Oilers find themselves right in line for the Triple-A Winter league championship. The Oilers, with 10 wins and only one loss, stand to be put into a three-way tie if they lose their tiff with their old rivals, Sampson Motors, who once before contested the Signal club under the Ironworker banner only last September for the Southern California Baseball championship.

The Torrance nine and the Sampson players are the only two teams in the league who have not completed the 12-game schedule. Blackie Leslie's Sampsons can hope for nothing better than a two-way tie with 20th Century Fox in the traveling clubs if they win Sunday's big game.

On the other hand, the Oilers will realize their second Winter league title if they down the Motormen.

Both clubs were rained out of their previous schedule, which accounts for Sunday's meet.

A loss for the hometowners would put them in first place with Rosabell Plumbers and Hermosa Beach. This it was pointed out by the baseball managers association, would necessitate a playoff for a clear-cut victory.

Reliable reports from the Spring Street group indicate Signal Oil is favored 7-5 in the betting odds. The 1946 baseball record of the Oilers show them victors in 45 games out of 50 played during that year. They won 18 consecutive contests of these 50 games and downed the popular Rosabell nine five out of six meetings.

The ball game is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. in Torrance park. Admission is 60 cents with youths under 15 admitted free, according to Art Swartz, manager of the local club.

One reason found for traffic accidents is that many 8-cylinder cars are piloted by 1-cylinder intellects.

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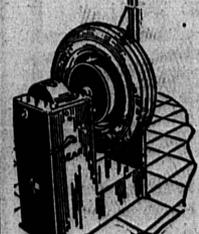
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Local Baseballers Defeat Clayton 3-0 For 10th Win

Torrance Signal Oilers Sunday downed Clayton manufacturing 3-0 to step into position for the Triple A Winter league baseball crown. Lagomarsino started on the mound for the Oilers but was relieved in the third inning by Lefty Teagan, who allowed only four hits for his seven innings of chucking.

Lagomarsino, who allowed the Clayton nine only two hits during his short stay, developed an injured finger in the second inning.

With an even amount of hits in the ball game, the two teams battled throughout for scoring honors. Cal Barnes, sensational Signal centerfielder, robbed the manufacturers of additional hits by making thrilling catches all over the outfield.

Billy Schuster, trickerster of the day, destroyed the visitors' chances to score in the ninth inning when he pulled the time-worn "hidden ball" on A. Smyers, Clayton second baseman.

Smyers bounded out a double only to be caught napping at second by Schuster, who prompted him to third, where team mate Mel Serafini awaited "Broadway Billy's" toss to tag the runner out.

Line score
RHE Clayton Mfg. 000 000 000—0 6 2
Signal Oil 000 300 000—3 6 2
Batteries: Merkle and Boyle; Lagomarsino, Teagan and Stephenson.

Next Sunday Signal play Sampson Motors in Torrance Park. The game starts at 2 p.m.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

Triple A Winter league baseball standing, with all games except Sampson Motors and Signal Oil being completed, are the following:

Club	W	L
Home Clubs	10	1
Signal Oilers	10	1
Rosabell Plumbers	10	2
Hermosa Beach	10	2
Long Beach Rockets	5	7
Ventura	5	7
Skv Lane club	2	10
Traveling Clubs	W <td>L </td>	L
20th Century	7	4
Sampson Motors	7	4
Kawak Candy	7	4
Burbank	4	8
Los Angeles Police	2	10
Clayton Manufacturing	1	11

HUMBOLDT FISHING
Salmon run in Humboldt county is said to have passed its peak and steelhead are now coming in. Water is low and clear, with temperatures as low as 43 degrees. Few fish are moving and very few being taken at Benbow ladder.

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Police Captain Gives Warning With 99 Slow Fire

Police Captain Ernie Ashton during the past week paced the pellets of members in the Torrance Police Revolver club by hanging up a 99 slow fire, 95 time and 94 rapid to score 288 for the shoot.

Ashton's same 38 caliber also won him first place in the course's weekly average. The police captain banded a 285.33 average for three strings to lead his nearest rival, a non-police man, Olie Medicus, who holed 270 with his four-string average. L. Berry, no novice with the 38, nor other bores for that matter followed the two top shots with a 269 off one string. Berry also is a non-police member of the club.

Revolver course gunmen who scored above 200 in the local range during the past week are the following:

Name	String	Average
J. Grier	3	248.66
E. Miller	3	239.33
A. Thompson	3	231.00

Application for membership into the organization is open to all residents of the area, according to Police Sgt. Willard Haslam, president of the group.

Tight Scoring In Closing Cage Practice Tilts

Teams playing in the Torrance Recreation Basketball league wound up their pre-league series of practice games with three contests staged last Thursday evening in the local high school's gymnasium. Each game was a nip and tuck affair, decided only by a two-point margin of victory.

Neal Robertson, from a guard position, dropped nine points through the hoop to pace Klink's Cabrillo Mart in a thrilling 25-27 victory over the fast Fenwick Shoe Repair five. Dan Moon, of the losers, was high scorer for the evening, swishing the net for 12 counters.

Following a 7-7 deadlock at half-time, the Torrance National Bank team picked up a two-point advantage in the third quarter, and matched buckets with the scrappy Goodyear outfit till the final whistle to grab the verdict 20-18.

Thompson, of the losers and Eddie Smith, of the winners, tied for scoring honors with seven points each. The Bear A.C. team staged off a fourth period rally by fighting National Home Appliances hoopers to squeeze out a narrow 25-23 win. Kollmeyer, scoring eight, again led the Bears' attack. Guy DeWitt, of the Appliance team, contributed eight counters to tie Kollmeyer's 8 mark.

Fenwicks (25) Klink's (27)
D. Teale (7) F.A. Woodcock (2)
Bud Smith (6) F. G. Lee (7)
D. Moon (12) C. O. Miller (1)
K. Kesson (3) G. J. Stanley (2)
B. Jackson (3) G. N. Robertson (9)
Substitutes: Fenwick's Shoe Repair: L. Wright, Klink's Cabrillo Mart: D. Robertson (4), E. Clayton (2), G. Whelan.
First Nat. Bank (20) Goodyear (18)
J. Post (4) F. P. Kelley (6)
E. Floyd (2) F. Timothy (2)
B. Leese (2) C. W. Coleman (7)
R. Raynor (1) G. Thompson
W. Post (4) G. C. Harrison (3)
Subs: Torrance National Bank: C. A. Mabe (1), Jordan, Husbands, E. Smith (7), Goodyear: Sechrist, W. Krivian, Jones (7)
R. George (6) F. van der Lin (2)
J. Hudson (7) Kollmeyer (8)
D. De Witt (8) G. Adams (3)
Tillotson (2) G. H. Black (2)
Tuesday Jan. 14, schedule: Fenwick's Bear A. C. vs. Klink's Cabrillo Mart, 8 p.m. Goodyear vs. Fenwick's Shoe Repair, 9 p.m. Torrance National Bank vs. National Home Appliance Co.

MIDGETS BOAR
Thoroughly established as one of the fastest midget auto racing plants in the far west, and boasting last week of a crowd of nearly 17,000 spectators, the Huntington Beach Speedway returns to the spotlight with a 78-lap midget auto racing show, Sunday afternoon, with another field of the leading drivers on the Pacific Coast.

LAKES POOR
Bass fishing remains poor to fair at the city lakes of San Diego. Fishing is poor on Hemshaw Lake and very poor on Chuyamaca Lake. A good fall of rain is needed to bring lakes and streams up to normal.

STRIPTEEES

By John P. Stripling

"With, or without an Orchid to friend or foe, I'll Tee an opinion wherever it may go"

A CRITIC TEES . . . A reader who identified himself as "just critic" with "no axe to grind," last week teed us his overall opinion regarding our efforts in this column. The name he signs to his letter sounds a familiar ring in our memories almost to the point of establishing in our mind the motive behind his writing.



He writes:

"Dear John Paul:
"Trusting the above salutation dates the era of our short acquaintance, and that the foregoing 'tee' to borrow a phrase, will be taken as lightly as you have in the past, taking the coverage of boxing, I will endeavor to 'drive out' a few impressions gathered from your more recent writings.

"First, let me tell you that I am not a resident of your fair city; in fact, I have only been there on but a few occasions. Most of these visits consisted of seeing the Rosabell Plumbers hang their way through the recent tournament held there. I came up on your column quite by chance—you needed me into reading it with that catchy Strip-Tees head which suggests other than its meaning to the low brow—which no doubt I am a border case.

"The article, not being particularly localized at the time, I read it through—and must confess that I enjoyed it. The next time I read your column you were complaining about the local ball park's grandstand. Ah, I thought, John Paul has started a campaign. He will slice at the edges of the miserable target for a few issues—then will spring forth and attack the very heart of his objective. A fine campaign, thought I.

"My next purchase of the Torrance Herald was made at the Torrance bus stop in Los Angeles. Your topic was trivial, but you injected an add to the two-column spread that needed me into buying a copy the following week. You spun a fair yarn—that brought my interest into an entirely new field—but left me dangling as to the ball game issue.

"I have read twenty-one articles under your by-line since the first one and only two have chopped at the issues you bred.

"What's the matter, Stripling, has father time dulled your blade? It was sharp during the amateur promoter cleanup in 1937—Your persistence at that time nearly made me quit reading your offerings, but the results obtained made me glad that I had.

"You're at your best spinning a bygone yarn or campaigning for an issue. Must I add that you are at your worse when just filling space? Which, by the way, is exactly what you're now doing. Give your readers some of those pitfalls in sports—a yarn with a twist, so to speak. You are no Runyon, and will never fill his shoes. On this I will gamble my mortgage-free home in South Pasadena, but I have in the past read good stories under your by-line, and I'm sure your trivial topics, which have no place in a weekly newspaper, can be converted into a worthwhile overall yarn—or campaigns.

In either event, I may not chance another purchase on a Torrance Herald for quite some time, so go your merry way and sin some more—it is not compulsory for the reader to scan all your offerings.

"Good wishes and a Happy New Year, Strip."
(Signed) HAROLD KINGSLEY

A STRIPNOTE . . . Can't figure out whether ex-reader Kingsley wanted to pat our head or chop our hands off. His letter was typed and double spaced as though eagerly expecting publication—somehow his offering sounds a bit trivial also. Would you agree with this, Kingsley?

More "ALLEY" NOTES . . . Los Angeles, the site of the 1947 American Bowling Congress, is unquestionably bowling's "boom town." Nowhere in the United States, we are informed, has the game enjoyed more growth and increase in popularity than in Southern California.

Figures reveal that in 1936 there were only 12 bowling establishments, with 75 beds, being operated in the Southern California section. Today, with bowling firmly entrenched as the number one "competitors' sport" for the area, there are 186 bowling establishments housing some 1,800 beds beneath their roofs.

The game has one thing in common with other phenomena of the past two decades—it sprang up literally overnight, yet the comparison ends right there. Where the other activities—whether religious cults or novel sports—died almost as quick a death, bowling has continued to prosper and grow under the beautiful California skies.

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Colored Clowns Meet Redondo Eagles Friday

The circus is coming to Redondo Beach!
Without the usual callopo and wild animals, this circus is in the persons of the world's Negro basketball champs and greatest casaba circus team, the New York Broadway Clowns.

The Broadway Clowns, Negro basketball champions, will play an exhibition game Friday night at Redondo Union high school gym against the Redondo Eagles, undefeated in ten games and recognized as Harbor District champions. Preliminary games at 7 p.m. will pit the Hermosa Boy's Club against Pier Avenue School five, and at 7:30 El Camino Junior college will meet Not-Elmore cagers from Wilmington.

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Feathers Will Headline Bowl Card Friday

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Rolling along with a record of six straight kayoes, and tabbed in fight circles as the top "natural" of the month, Bedell will be up against a performer in Arenas who might easily force him to the utmost. The Los Angeles 128-pounder has won the "Most Popular Fighter" award for two straight weeks at the South Gate arena.

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